



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bruce M. Mueller et al.)
Serial No.: 10/036,761)
Filed: December 21, 2001)
For: COMPRESSION MOLDING)
PROCESS AND ARTICLE)
MADE BY THE PROCESS)
Examiner: Not Yet Designated)

PATENT APPLICATION

SEA0820P1270US (SC-148)

Group Art Unit: 1732

Confirmation No. 4775

1732
#4
PS
4-9-03
RECEIVED
APR 2 2003
TC 1700

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the art identified on the attached form PTO-1449 and other matters discussed below may be helpful to the Patent Office in its examination of the application identified above.

The listed documents comprise the Search Report dated 19 February 2003 in the corresponding International application PCT/US02/35792 which claims priority of the above-captioned instant U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/036,761.

A copy of each of the documents is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

The order of listing of the art on the attached Form PTO-1449 should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the listed art.

The Patent and Trademark Office Examiner is requested to review the art and determine the extent of the materiality of the disclosures thereof with respect to the

patentability of the subject invention. It is expected that the Patent and Trademark Office Examiner will independently conduct a complete search for relevant prior art.

No inference should be drawn and no representation is made or intended: (a) that a search has been made, or if made, was complete; (b) that the art on the attached list presents a comprehensive investigation of the prior art; or (c) that no more pertinent art than that listed is in existence. [See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(g)]

Citation of any art herein is not to be construed as an admission: (a) that the art disclosure is, or is considered to be, necessarily within the invention field of endeavor, pertinent to the instant invention, or equivalent to the instant invention; (b) that the art disclosure is, or is considered to be, necessarily prior in time to a particular date which may be relevant in the instant patent application; (c) that the art disclosure is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b); and/or (d) that the art disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention and application. [See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(g).]

No inference should be drawn that the discussion of any art herein is a discussion of each and every feature disclosed therein.

Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosures of any document or other art, including the disclosures

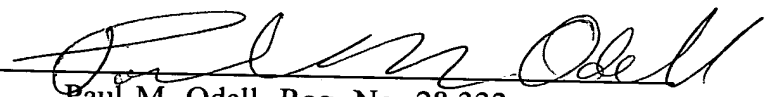
Serial No. 10/036,761 - - - - 3

of the art cited herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

WOOD, PHILLIPS, KATZ, CLARK & MORTIMER

By


Paul M. Odell, Reg. No. 28,332

500 West Madison Street, Suite 3800
Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511
(312) 876-1800

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on March 24, 2003.


Paul M. Odell

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → +

Comparable to Form PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO <div style="text-align: center;"> INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i> </div>				<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Application Number</td> <td>10/036,761</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Filing Date</td> <td>December 21, 2001</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Named Inventor</td> <td>Bruce M. Mueller et al.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group Art Unit</td> <td>1732</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examiner Name</td> <td>Not Yet Designated</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attorney Docket No.</td> <td>SEA0820P1270US</td> </tr> </table>		Application Number	10/036,761	Filing Date	December 21, 2001	First Named Inventor	Bruce M. Mueller et al.	Group Art Unit	1732	Examiner Name	Not Yet Designated	Attorney Docket No.	SEA0820P1270US
Application Number	10/036,761																
Filing Date	December 21, 2001																
First Named Inventor	Bruce M. Mueller et al.																
Group Art Unit	1732																
Examiner Name	Not Yet Designated																
Attorney Docket No.	SEA0820P1270US																
Sheet	1	of	2														



RECEIVED
APR 2 2003
TC 1700

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYY	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
		4,921,646		Stewart	05/01/90	
		5,642,824		Hess et al.	07/01/97	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

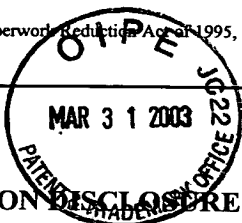
¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standards ST.16, if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a checkmark here if English language Translation is attached.

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

Comparable to Form PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Application Number	10/036,761
				Filing Date	December 21, 2001
				First Named Inventor	Bruce M. Mueller et al
				Group Art Unit	1732
				Examiner Name	Not Yet Designated
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket No.	SEA0820P1270US

RECEIVED
APR 2 2003
TC 1700

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
		International Search Report dated 19 February 2003 in the corresponding International application PCT/02/35792	
Examiner Signature			Date Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.